



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### STATE ROUTE 157 IN WALKER COUNTY CLOSED THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST

WALKER COUNTY – The Georgia Department of Transportation is advising motorists in Walker County of the closure of State Route (SR) 157, scheduled for the period from Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7, 2009, to allow for work on replacing the drainage pipe under the highway at mile marker 27.

Northbound traffic will be detoured off SR 157 onto SR 136, right on SR 189, and back to SR 157. Southbound traffic on SR 157 will be redirected onto SR 189, left on SR 136, and back to SR 157.

The Georgia DOT urges motorists in Walker County to watch out for the message boards at the closing points on SR 157 and signs along the detour route. “We certainly hope that all motorists watch out for these detour signs and be extra cautious while approaching this work zone,” said Kent Sager, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville. “While closing Highway 157 at that location may cause motorists some inconvenience, it is vital for replacing the old drainage pipe as quickly as possible, and giving the highway back to the traveling public,” Sager explained.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).

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